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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897



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Almost autumn, and Kent Falls opens again

Kent Falls State Park opened quietly last week, after a summer-long shutdown caused both by COVID-19 and by overuse of the state park by large groups from out of town. Crowds over the weekend, when the weather was chilly, were moderate. There weren't many masks in sight, but groups stayed together in their own "pods" and did their best to maintain social distances of 6 feet or more.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A massive American flag was held aloft by a Canaan Volunteer Fire Department truck in North Canaan on Friday, Sept. 11, in honor of Patriot's Day.

Remembering lives ended by the 2001 terror attacks

By Cynthia Hochswender

NORTH CANAAN — Lives lost because of the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, were honored and remembered in a ceremony in North Canaan in front of St. Joseph Church last Friday.

A rifle squad from American Legion Post 38 in Torrington fired salutes that

morning at 8:46, 9:03, 9:37, 9:59, 10:03 and 10:28 a.m.; the church bells then tolled and bagpiper Lee Collins performed "Amazing Grace" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Volunteers read aloud the names of lives lost because of the attacks throughout the day, ending at around midnight.

Funds for all towns to help with the election

By Cynthia Hochswender

State and federal aid have been given to all 169 towns in the state to help ensure that the November elections will proceed smoothly and without interference.

In addition to the presidential election, there are also elections for Connecticut state representatives (64th District for the Northwest Corner) and senators (30th District) and congressmen (5th District).

"This unprecedented effort

to ensure that the 2020 election is safe, secure and accessible to every voter has ensured that absentee ballots are available to every voter who wants one, polling places are safe for voters who choose to vote in person and for poll workers and our

elections are protected against the ongoing threat of foreign interference," said Secretary of the State Denise Merrill in announcing the grants on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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State, federal funds come to NW Corner towns

Town	Total Registered Voters	Absentee Ballot Support Grant			Safe Polls Grant			TOTAL AWARD
		Projected Voters at 80% Turnout	Projected Absentee Ballots at 66% AB Rate	Absentee Ballot Support Grant*	Projected In-Person Voters at 66% AB Rate	Polling Places	Safe Polls Grant**	
Canaan (Falls Village)	704	563	372	\$372.00	191	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,872.00
Cornwall	1,102	882	582	\$582.00	300	1	\$2,500.00	\$3,082.00
Kent	1,985	1,588	1,048	\$1,048.00	540	1	\$2,500.00	\$3,548.00
North Canaan	2,346	1,877	1,239	\$1,239.00	638	1	\$2,500.00	\$3,739.00
Salisbury	2,824	2,259	1,491	\$1,491.00	768	1	\$2,500.00	\$3,991.00
Sharon	1,659	1,327	876	\$876.00	451	1	\$2,500.00	\$3,376.00

*Absentee Ballot Support Grant (\$1 per AB 0-10,000 ABs, \$2 per AB 10,001+ ABs)
**Safe Polls Grant (\$1,000 per polling place, \$2,500 minimum)

Kildonan teachers now at Kent's Marvelwood School

By Cynthia Hochswender

KENT — The former Kildonan School has joined the Marvelwood School in Kent, creating a campus that will offer high-level support for high school students with learning challenges.

The new partnership of the two schools was announced on Monday, Sept. 14.

Kildonan, formerly in Amana, had struggled to stay afloat

in recent years, especially after the death of founder Diana King in 2018. According to a history of the school on its website, King "began her nearly 70-year career in the field of dyslexia at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C., where Anna Gillingham

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Register to vote on Sept. 29

Registrars of voters for both major parties in all Connecticut towns will hold a special registration session on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Call town halls to get exact information on which two hours of the day the registrars will be there. Several towns have sent in their schedule to The Lakeville Journal:

- Cornwall, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Canaan (Falls Village), 10 a.m. to noon
- Kent, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Salisbury, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Sharon, 10 a.m. to noon

How to vote absentee, safely, for Nov. 3 election

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Connecticut voters worried about COVID-19 will be able to avoid going to a polling station in the Nov. 3 general election by using absentee ballots.

Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise Merrill's office sent applications for absentee ballots to all eligible voters (meaning active, registered voters) be-

tween Sept. 8 and Sept. 11.

All voters are eligible to vote by absentee ballot for the Nov. 3 general election by checking the COVID-19 excuse on the application.

The ballots come with postage-paid envelopes for return.

An Aug. 25 press release from the secretary of the state's office stated:

"Given the well-publicized problems with the United States Postal Service, Secretary Merrill is encouraging voters to use the secure ballot drop boxes to return their absentee ballot ap-

plications and the ballot themselves, in order to be sure that all critical mailings are received in a timely fashion. The USPS has made clear that they are not a reliable method for delivering election mail; the ballot drop boxes are and should be used to deliver the absentee ballot applications and the absentee ballots themselves back to the towns."

The office also noted that "although applications will be mailed to voters after Labor Day,

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GOP demands a voice in Connecticut state politics

By Patrick L. Sullivan

KENT — Connecticut Republicans usually hold their breakfast and fundraiser at the Fife 'n' Drum restaurant in Kent in June of an election year.

This year the group had to wait until Sept. 10.

Attending the breakfast were state Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) who is running for reelection against Democrat David Gronbach; Brian Ohler, the former state representative from the

64th District, running against state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64); and David X. Sullivan, who is running against Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) for Congress.

Organizer John Morris said, "This might be the most important election in our lifetimes," both in Connecticut and nationally.

Subsequent speakers reiterated this theme.

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Three-day forecast

Friday Rain, high 62°/low 34°
 Saturday Sun, 58°/38°
 Sunday Sun, 56°/39°

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Drove into ditch

On Sept. 5 at approximately 4 a.m. on Canaan Valley Road in North Canaan a 2011 Mazda 3s driven by Melvin Thompson, 66, of Waterbury, Conn., ran off the left side of the road and ended up in a ditch. Thompson was issued a verbal warning for failure to keep right on a curve.

Drove into guardrail

On Sept. 5 at approximately 3 a.m. on Lime Rock Road in Salisbury a 2007 Ford Fusion driven by Justin Pattengell Gomez, 21, of Lakeville swerved to the left on the roadway and struck approximately 20 feet of metal wire guardrail, causing damage. Gomez was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the lane.

Fled collision

On Sept. 6 at approximately 2:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Great Falls Brewery on Main Street in North Canaan an unknown vehicle backed out and struck a 1969 Jaguar registered to Jonathan Asbury of Fort Collins, Colo. The unknown vehicle, described as a dark SUV with Connecticut license plates, fled the scene. Anyone with further information is asked to contact Troop B.

Fled collision

On Sept. 7 at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Route 44 in Salis-

bury an unknown vehicle struck a parked 2008 Mercury MNR registered to Scott Anthony Nugent of Millerton. The unknown vehicle, described as a silver SUV with Connecticut license plates, fled the scene. Anyone with further information is asked to contact Troop B.

Domestic incident

On Sept. 8 at approximately 6 p.m. Troop B responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on East Canaan Road in North Canaan. Following an investigation Tiffani Clark, 27, of North Canaan was charged with breach of peace in the second degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 8.

Domestic incident

On Sept. 9 at approximately 2:45 a.m. Troop B responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on High Street in North Canaan. Following an investigation Fawn Rosier, 29, of North Canaan was charged with interfering with an officer, breach of peace in the second degree and assault in the third degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 10.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com

A virtual CROP Hunger Walk

The Northwest Connecticut CROP 37th Hunger Walk will be held virtually this year.

Food insecurity has increased greatly for many people in our community and the world.

Last year the Crop Walk raised almost \$40,000 to fight hunger both globally and locally. Twenty-five percent of that total stayed in our community and went directly to six food pantries:

This year, our goal is to raise \$45,000.

Participants can walk any time during the week of Sept. 21 to 27. Individuals and small

groups can instead walk their neighborhoods, and students at schools can walk around their campuses.

Register at www.crophungerwalk.org/fallsvillagect or contact the Rev. Heidi Truax from Trinity Episcopal Church by emailing her at revheidetruax@gmail.com.

Learn more about addressing food insecurity in our community on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 1 p.m. in a Zoom CROP Walk meeting.

Participants can send in photos of their walks by email or share them on social media with #FVcropwalk2020.

Cornwall woman arrested for NYC vandalism

By Cynthia Hochswender

CORNWALL — Clara Kraebber, 20, whose parents own a home in Cornwall, was arrested on Sept. 4 for "rioting during demonstrations in Manhattan," according to a posting on the New York Police Department Twitter. "They were part of a large group breaking storefront windows."

Kraebber helped organize a Black Lives Matter protest in Cornwall Bridge last June. She was described as "supporting" the event, which was put together by Cornwall resident Caroline Kosciuszko. Cornwall's Camilla and Sabina Busby were also credited with helping to put together the protest on the Green. The gathering was well-attended and peaceful.

Kraebber is the daughter of Markus Kraebber, a child psychiatrist, and architect Virginia Kindred. They purchased a circa 1730 home in Cornwall in 2005, according to town records.

An article in the New York Post says the woman, who is now

a student at Rice University, was one of eight people who did an estimated \$100,000 in damage to five banks, two Starbucks coffee shops and one drugstore, between the Flat Iron District (near 23rd Street and 5th Avenue) and the downtown neighborhood known as SoHo.

The Post article said the Kraebber family also has an Upper East Side apartment.

Kraebber is mentioned in a July 2020 article in Rolling Stone magazine about the arrest of Nikki Stone, 18, by New York Police on July 28. The article said Stone was arrested "on multiple counts of vandalism and criminal mischief for five incidents between June and July. They include allegedly spray-painting graffiti in various locations around Manhattan and painting over four NYPD surveillance cameras near the former site of the Occupy City Hall encampment."

The police said that the protesters in the July 28 incident had been throwing rocks and bottles at law enforcement. Kraebber



PHOTO BY LAZLO GYORSOK

Clara Kraebber, who helped organize a Black Lives Matter rally in Cornwall last June, has been arrested in New York City for vandalism during a similar rally on Sept. 4. The Cornwall rally was peaceful and did not include any property damage.

is quoted in the article saying, "None of that happened whatsoever. We literally turned the corner and were met with a line of police who attacked us without warning."

Clarification on the mystery of Shakespeare's identity

One thing is certain beyond doubt: Readers even in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, more than 3,000 miles from the Globe Theater in England, care very deeply about the identity of the person who wrote the plays attributed to William Shakespeare. After publishing an article in the Sept. 10 issue of Compass arts and entertainment about a talk by John Milnes Baker of Kent on the possibility that Edward de Vere actually wrote the Shakespeare plays, The Lakeville Journal received letters disagreeing with comments made in the article.

Reader Paula Ince had two specific disagreements with the article. One is that actor Mark Rylance was described as a star of the film "Anonymous," about the identity of Shakespeare. Ince wrote to say that Rylance is just a supporting actor with a small role in the film. She also disagreed with the article's assertion that Rylance is what is known as an Oxfordian (someone who believes de Vere wrote the Shakespeare plays). She said

in her email that Rylance "came to this subject by way of a great interest in Francis Bacon and I believe is still mostly interested in the theory that Bacon may have been the writer of the works, although as chair of the Shakespeare authorship trust he is interested in all theories and new evidence."

Ince said she "completed a masters in Shakespeare Authorship at Brunel University some years ago" and she is a member of the Shakespeare Authorship Trust, along with Rylance.

For anyone whose interest in this subject was piqued, the talk by Baker will be on Zoom on Thursday night, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. To register, go to www.kentmemoriallibrary.org/johnmilnes-baker. The original article about the talk can be found at our website, www.tricornersnews.com, search for "de vere."

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Helping children cope with school

SALISBURY — The Scoville Library will offer a seminar on coaching strategies to help children develop focus, organization and resilience in school — whatever school looks like right now. The workshop will be held online on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.



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Please email cover letter and resume by September 30th to chore@choreservice.org or mail to P.O. Box 522, Lakeville, CT 06039.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF KEVIN E. NEARY Late of Canaan (20-00344)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated, August 20, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below.

Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
 Ruth M. Neary
 c/o Mary Ackerly,
 Ackerly, Brown, LLP,
 782 Bantam Road
 P.O. Box 815
 Bantam, CT 06750

Megan Williams
 Assistant Clerk
 09-17-20

for this virtual meeting will be listed on the agenda and at www.salisburyct.us. The public are encouraged to submit their comments in writing to the Land Use Office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday September 18, 2020, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. This application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Office, Town Clerk's Office, and at www.salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 09-10-20
 09-17-20

Legal Notice

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that on September 23, at 6:30 PM, at a Zoom meeting (Zoom login information will be posted on the agenda which will be posted at Town Hall and on the Town's website) the Canaan/Falls Village Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the following application. Consideration of a Site Plan Application for a Housing Development on River Road, Canaan/Falls Village, CT Map #1 Lot 3-6: at this hearing interested person may be heard and written communication received.

Thomas Scott
 Zoning Enforcement Officer
 09-10-20
 09-17-20

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D.M. Hunt Library: a safe haven for remote work

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — If you're looking for a pleasant, quiet and safe place to fire up your laptop or other device, the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village has recently added internet and computer accessibility on its second floor, with additional electrical outlets, new book carts and a new router.

This allows patrons to work while maintaining the appropriate social distance.

Prior to the upgrade, internet accessibility was limited to the first floor of the library.

The library received \$5,000 in grants to make this possible: \$1,750 from the Northwest Community Foundation, \$1,750 from the COVID-19 Response Fund and the Northwest Corner Fund of the Berkshire-Taconic Community Foundation, and \$1,500 from the Foundation for Community Health.



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The D. M. Hunt has made changes to allow internet use while maintaining social distance.

Security and Swift House discussed by Kent BOS

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Using the strategically located Swift House to house a security unit and securing the structure against further deterioration were two topics discussed at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The meeting was conducted by Zoom.

In an effort to enhance security around the veterans' monument, Andrew Ocif, chair of the seven-member Veterans Committee, asked the selectmen's permission to install a single video camera near the monument, and to place the monitor box inside the town-owned Swift House. To accomplish the installation the town would need to arrange with Frontier Communications to add the wire to their utility pole. The Veterans Committee already has in hand the \$1,395 that the project will cost, Ocif said.

The Veterans Committee was formed in 2007 through the Kent Historical Society. That year the volunteer committee restored the monument as a project.

"This is something we really need," Ocif told the selectmen, speaking of the security camera.

First Selectman Jean Speck noted that the proposed system is hard-wired, not internet connected, so there is no computer monitor to view. Therefore, the video monitor box needs to be close by.

Discussion centered on alternate locations for the camera and whether remote monitoring might be possible through using the internet, and the selectmen ultimately agreed with Ocif that a security system is needed. Ocif reasoned that the hard-wired option was affordable; all other options would cost more.

Badly needed repairs to the Swift House were detailed by Suzanne Charity, chair of the selectmen's Swift House Task Force. She reviewed a spreadsheet of projected expenditures needed to stabilize the historically significant structure and to halt infestation by squirrels and other rodents. The house is suffering from water damage and areas of rot and chimney damage, all combining to endanger the well-being of the property.

"The Swift House is deteriorating," Charity told the selectmen, although she assured them that experts have declared it to be structurally sound.

Following discussion, the selectmen agreed that work could begin to secure the building against the animal infestation and that a request for \$18,900 would be sent to the Board of Finance to address the remainder of the Phase 1 work.

A recent expenditure of \$1,200 replaced the front steps. Selectman Chris Garrity noted, however, that an average of \$620 per year has been spent on repairs for the past 11 years.

A total of \$25,550 would cover the first phase of securing the building from further damage, Charity indicated. That expense would repair the areas damaged

by animals gaining access to the interior, seal the foundation, re-point the chimney, repair rotting siding and trim, and provide for additional painting and carpentry. The figure offered was a ballpark estimate.

"How do we proceed?" Charity asked the selectmen.

Speck asked whether the selectmen are clear about what the use of the building is to be. She said that the selectmen do not usually see a capital project needing immediate attention.

Some funding (approximately \$5,500) already exists in the repair and maintenance budget for the Swift House, so the selectmen agreed that those funds could be spent immediately.

Charity urged the selectmen to take action now to prevent further deterioration. "We are trying to prevent more damage. It's crucial," she said.

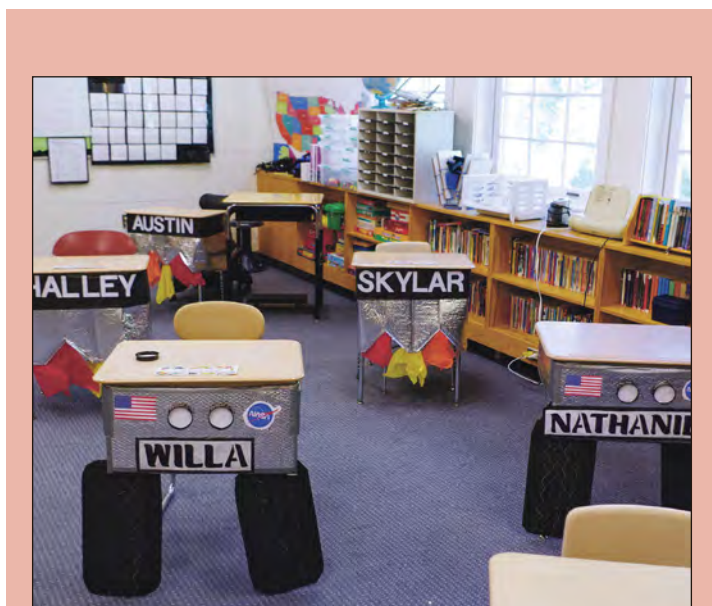


PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Finding fun in social distancing

Cornwall Consolidated School is rising to the challenge of making learning fun in spite of strict social distancing rules. Teachers customized and decorated the desks in some classrooms. These photos were taken before the first day of school and before the plexiglass partitions were installed.

Mid-October opening is expected for transfer station

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station Manager Brian Bartram told the Salisbury Board of Selectmen that Thursday, Oct. 15, is the target date for the opening of the new transfer station.

The Salisbury selectmen held their regular monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 14, on Zoom.

Bartram said there have been a number of delays, particularly involving electrical work that was not part of the contract with Burlington Construction, the company that built the facility.

Barbara Bettigole, from the Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee, suggested having an information table at a central location in both towns as the opening date gets closer. Bartram and Bettigole are working this week on a user's guide to the new transfer station.

Road work Route 44

First Selectman Curtis Rand said the road work on Route 44 from Lakeville to the state line will likely take another two weeks to complete. He explained that there have been two components to the work: replacing water mains, which was handled

by the Aquarion water company, and then milling and repaving, which is being done by the state Department of Transportation.

The selectmen approved an ordinance changing the name of the Conservation Commission to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Rand said the commission's work over the decades has largely been concerned with water-related regulation, so it makes sense to change the name.

A separate (and smaller) conservation commission will be formed to deal with advisory (rather than regulatory) matters, such as how to get rid of invasive plants.

Rand said an executive order from Gov. Ned Lamont allows the selectmen to enact an ordinance such as this one.

Halloween plans

Asked about Halloween, and the usual practice of closing off the streets near Salisbury Central School in Lakeville for children to go trick-or-treating, Rand said no decision has been made but he thought the prospect "extremely unlikely."

"I can't imagine having that much condensed activity" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Protecting a Cornwall treasure

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Upkeep for a historic cemetery was discussed at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, September 1, held by Zoom.

Turning attention to the town's first burial ground, the Allen Cemetery, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported that he had visited the site along with Jim Vanicky, the town's highway foreman, to assess what work was needed to restore the cemetery.

The Allen family had been early settlers of the town. Among their children born in Cornwall were brothers Ethan and Ira, who eventually moved north from Cornwall to settle what is

now Vermont. Ethan Allen went on to assemble the Green Mountain Boys, famed for their service during the Revolutionary War.

Ridgway reported that the town crew will do the work on the cemetery this fall. The work will include removing several fallen trees from in or near the site, and to repair the fence. The town will erect a monument. He termed the site "a Cornwall treasure."

There are no monuments or headstones in the old cemetery, Ridgway explained. There are just simple rocks serving as headstones, because that was the custom born of necessity.

"It's a beautiful setting," Ridgway said.

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You may want to store tap water in the refrigerator ahead of time for drinking and cooking. And, if your water is discolored, delay washing clothes until it is clear.

We appreciate your understanding and patience. Below, we have provided a list of streets that may be affected on the first several days of water main cleaning. The complete cleaning schedule is also available at www.aquarionwater.com/alerts.

For other questions, please contact our Customer Service Center at 1-800-732-9678 or cs@aquarionwater.com.

Cleaning Schedule - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 17
 Church Terrace, Grace Way, High St, Lower Rd, South Canaan Rd

Tuesday, September 22
 Ashley Falls Rd, Barracks Rd, Cemetery Rd, Clayton Rd

Wednesday, September 23
 Bragg St, Pease St, Railroad St, Whiting Dr

Thursday, September 24
 Foote Ave, Main St, Prospect St, Quinn St, Reed St, West Main St

OBITUARIES

Cora Elizabeth Stackelberg

KENT — It is with great sadness that the family of Cora Elizabeth Stackelberg (née Sleighter) announce her passing on Sept. 5, 2020. She died peacefully at her home in Schodack, N.Y., at the age of 87.

Cora was born on March 15, 1933, in Torrington, to Lester and Marion Sleighter and, along with her sister Marilyn, grew up in Kent. Cora attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School, where she met her husband-to-be, Olaf Patrick Stackelberg. They were married on Sept. 4, 1954, and went on to raise three sons, John, Peter and Paul.

Cora excelled academically and as the top student in her class delivered the valedictory address at her high school graduation ceremony.

Upon graduation, she attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), at a time when MIT was overwhelming-ly male, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Cora is remembered for knitting during physics class at MIT — an activity that somewhat intimidated her male counterparts!

After graduating from MIT, Cora and Olaf moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where Cora worked as an electrical engineer for Honeywell while Olaf studied for his Ph.D. in Mathematics.

She also worked as an electrical engineer for the U.S. Army in Fredrick, Md., while Olaf served in the Army.

Cora then pursued a career teaching mathematics at various community colleges while living in Durham, N.C., and Kent, Ohio.

She also continued her own

education, earning a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Duke University and a Master of Science degree in computer science from Kent State University.

Cora was a passionate gardener and a member of the East Greenbush garden club. Her talent for gardening was reflected in her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens, which she vehemently protected from deer and woodchucks her entire adult life.

Cora was an avid reader, always with a book at hand, and enjoyed classical music and attending the symphony. She also enjoyed spending time with family in Vermont and the annual family trip to Cape Cod where she enjoyed her favorite meal: lobster.

Cora was preceded in death by her son Peter; and her parents Lester and Marion. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Olaf; her sons John and Paul and their wives, Mariann and Megan; her granddaughter, Ana; her sister, Marilyn; and her nephews, Edward and Clarke Kohler.

A private family remembrance is planned to be held in Vermont at a later date.

Frances Marie Day

SALISBURY — Frances Marie Day, 92, died peacefully on Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, at Noble Horizons.

She was the loving mother of Margaret Day of Amenia, Glenn Day of Tarrytown, N.Y., and William Day of Valhalla, N.Y.; adored grandmother of Giuliana and great-grandmother to Valentina Rose.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Wilbur H. "Wil" Day (retired FDNY firefighter, Ladder 51, Bronx, N.Y.);

and a daughter, Dolores Musella.

Burial took place on Thursday, Sept. 10, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, N.Y., the Rev. Eileen Epperson officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

Memorial donations may be made to Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

To send an online condolence, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



Meal supports Beirut victims

SALISBURY — Support victims of the explosion in Beirut by purchasing a dinner of Lebanese specialty foods.

The menu will include hummus with pita bread, fattoush salad (finely chopped fresh greens, tomatoes, green pepper, parsley and a sumac and lemon seasoning), daoud bacha (lamb and beef meatballs cooked with onions, garlic, pomegranate molasses, cumin, ginger and cinnamon and served with rice).

The dessert course will be

baklava, the sweet dessert pastry made of layers of filo filled with chopped nuts and honey.

The take-out meal will be held Friday, Oct. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m., with pick-up at the Congregational Church in Salisbury. Reservations are required; call 860-782-1710. The cost is \$25 cash or check per person at pick-up.

All ingredients have been donated by ShowTown; 100% of proceeds will be sent to SEAL, a Lebanese charity on the ground in Beirut.

A smaller sports season is possible for Region One

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School Principal Ian Strever told the Region One Board of Education that the school's custodial staff had done an excellent job in getting the building ready for the resumption of classes in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strever said Jeff Lloyd had done "yeoman's work" and had saved the school some \$14,000 by getting a deal on plexiglass (for partitions). Strever also praised Bobby Turner for getting old and neglected ventilation systems up to par.

Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick said as of now the region is within budget for personal protective equipment.

Athletic Director Anne MacNeil reported that the situation with high school sports remains fluid, with guidance from the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) and the state Department of Public Health (DPH) not always in agreement.

In her written report, MacNeil noted that full-contact, 11-on-11 football will not occur. Alternatives such as seven-on-seven or skill work are under discussion.

Girls volleyball, which is usually played indoors, may or may not have a season.

Soccer and cross-country are proceeding, with precautions.

MacNeil said CIAC will meet on Sept. 18 to decide on whether or not to start full practices on Sept. 21.

MacNeil cautioned that between DPH and CIAC, the guidance is subject to change at short notice.

Board Chairman Pat Mechar asked what happens if sports seasons are canceled. MacNeil said she would like to continue conditioning (currently happening outside in groups of 10), skill exercises and perhaps in-school games, adjusted to fit the numbers of students available (i.e. five-on-five soccer).

Rolf Schenkel

SALISBURY — Rolf Schenkel, 86, of Salisbury passed away peacefully at his home on Sept. 10, 2020.

He was predeceased by his wife Barbara "Barb" (Hill) Schenkel of Salisbury; and his brother, Gunther Schenkel of Switzerland.

Rolf was born in Switzerland on Aug. 25, 1934, a son of the late Gertrude (Sommer) and Henry Schenkel.

Rolf was educated and trained to be a chef/baker in Switzerland. He came to the United States in 1960 and became a successful restaurateur and hotelier, renowned for his Swiss specialties that will always be remembered by many.

He and Barbara owned the Ragamont Inn in Salisbury from 1970 until 2000.

He was an avid golfer and skier and enjoyed the outdoors.

He is survived by his two daughters, Renee Schenkel of Salisbury and Helga and her husband, Bruno Schwegler, of Switzerland; his brother, Eberhardt, and his wife, Margret Schenkel, of Switzerland; and his three grandsons, Fabian and his wife, Rebecca Schwegler, Mauro Schwegler and Kevin Schwegler of Switzerland; and many nieces and nephews.

There are no services planned at this time.

Memorial donations in Rolf's memory may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

EDITORIAL

School is open, with a definite difference

Most school years, or really, let's be honest, every other school year in memory, the system for opening has been pretty much the same as the years before. There may have been some small modifications in response to changes in the student population. And, each year, students may have felt some trepidation about beginning a new venture, especially if they were entering a new phase of school, like going from eighth grade to high school. But that is nothing like the anxiety that students, parents, teachers and administrators must all feel this year due to the challenges of COVID-19.

This first week of school was surely a difficult one for all in Region One for that reason. Yet even given all the various measures that had to be taken in order to fulfill the requirements of state and health officials for the opening of school, it should be noted that things seemed to go pretty smoothly. Certainly things are very different, and for some activities the individual schools have to feel things out and see how they are working day to day. Then, if they have to modify the way they were originally set up, they know why improvements need to be made.

Surely the students, no matter their ages, are by now accustomed to the new world of COVID. Wherever they go, in Connecticut, or neighboring New York state and Massachusetts, they must wear masks in public and are also reminded about washing their hands and using hand sanitizer regularly by their parents and other caregivers. They must have heard again and again about social distancing, and understand some measure of the critical nature of being safe when out among other people, both young and old.

Now, though, even with their new-found knowledge of how to combat the coronavirus, being among their new classmates, students must still find it hard to maintain distancing and be responsible in their interactions with their new friends. What is a more hands-on environment than child care and school for young children? Being close and sharing their space are the ways kids get to know one another, as well as their new teachers and administrators.

Given the care taken to analyze the approach to reopening schools in person, we can have some hope that a new wave of illness may be avoided if everyone sticks to the guidelines. But this can only happen if everyone is vigilant and very careful. The recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control is for everyone to get a flu shot early in the season, so that if one contracts the flu, it is a lesser version of what it could be.

Any steps taken to keep on the better side of health will only help in the face of another possible outbreak of COVID-19, for which, of course, there is still no vaccine and for which the viable treatments are still in flux. And which remains extremely contagious, according to all health experts and proven by the rampant spread in states that aren't maintaining careful restrictions.

We wish all students, teachers and their families a good school year, and a healthy one.

Town has not met requirements for housing

In a week, the Falls Village Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to gauge public sentiment on a plan to build affordable housing on River Road.

In 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission, at the behest of the Northwestern Connecticut Regional Planning Collaborative, obtained approval from the state of Connecticut to designate the property on River Road as an Incentive Housing Zone. The state gave its approval in a letter dated Feb. 20, 2014.

In that letter, the state also reminded our town officials of their responsibility to make annual submissions about our new Incentive Housing Zone to the state Department of Health. "According to CGS section 8-13r(a), the town must submit the information required to DOH Commissioner by September 1, 2014 and every year thereafter. The town must obtain an Incentive Housing Zone Certification of Compliance from DOH by October 1st annually in accordance with the procedures that will be established by DOH."

I asked to see those annual submissions under the Freedom of Information Act — but they don't exist because the town failed to submit the required information. "Up to now Town Officials were not aware and State Officials did not enforce this requirement," Thomas Scott, the Zoning Enforcement Officer for Falls Village, wrote in response to my request.

In other words, the town has not complied with state requirements for retaining an Incentive Housing Zone and thus may not be in any position to grant approval for building affordable housing on River Road. "The first selectman is working with the Department of Housing to rectify this issue," Mr. Scott wrote.

Additionally, the town lacks any evidence that it requested input from the owners of homes in the immediate vicinity of the River Road property in 2013, as required under state law governing the creation of Incentive Housing Zones. "Unfortunately, the ZEO at the time of this application has died and I am unable to find his records that he kept," the current Zoning Enforcement Officer wrote to me.

In almost any other town, such sloppy administration and record keeping would not be tolerated. Nor would public officials be trying to push through a controversial housing development in the middle of a pandemic that forces them to hold their public meetings via Zoom, particularly since Falls Village has struggled to conduct meetings that way all summer. The Planning and Zoning Commission insists it must have the meeting next week to comply with state regulations, but the governor has given local officials plenty of leeway to use their judgment to delay meetings due to COVID-19.

It would be a shame for the Planning and Zoning Commission to rush to approve a housing development and then find out that the expected state support for the development won't be forthcoming because the town failed to comply with the requirements for maintaining Incentive Housing Zone status for the property on River Road.

Stephanie and Henrik Falktoft

Falls Village



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right time, right place, right size in Falls Village

The Falls Village Housing Trust has state funding to advance River Road Homes. This is the time, the right place and the right size for Falls Village. This iron is hot!

This is the property that will meet the needs for wells and septic. A change in the neighborhood? Yes, this was part of a gravel mine. This attractive development is a change for the better. I won't be surprised if some of the opponents of the project or their children become happy residents.

This project is no attack on the environment. Apartments gathered on 4 acres, not far from the road, cause minimal disturbance to the connected 10,000-acre Housatonic State Forest. Mr. Rule's suggestion of a 5-lot subdivision would bring a greater infringement and fragmentation of the forest, while producing no rental housing and having no funding. The claim that the development will harm the Mohawk Trail is spurious; the Trail is more than 400' away through dense forest.

Sixteen apartments is a good size for efficiency in construction and management as well as long-term financial stability. It will be managed by a professional management company just like similar apartments in neighboring towns. River Road Homes is a project that will work.

River Road Homes will address a primary concern of the Town Plan to keep Falls Village a vital town, with affordable rental housing. It will help young residents to stay in Falls Village, young families to come to town and older residents to downsize and remain in the town they love, all accomplished by a local nonprofit harnessing state funding. Please voice your support and appreciation.

George Massey

Board Member Habitat for Humanity

Salisbury

Further thoughts on affordable housing

In 2017, The State of Connecticut mandated that every town in Connecticut create an Affordable Housing Plan every five years. To date, The Town of Falls Village has not been in compliance with this requirement and has only now just begun the process of developing an Affordable Housing Plan. In July Falls Village was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Housing to address the need for a comprehensive affordable housing plan. As stated in the grant application "these funds may be used for any eligible planning cost associated with the preparation and/or adoption of an Affordable Housing Plan."

Also, in 2017 The Falls Village Housing Trust was incorporated. How perfect it would have been if the newly formed Falls Village Housing Trust had begun its work by creating an Affordable Housing Plan. Unfortunately, instead its board of directors embarked on a plan for a 3 million dollar project without thoroughly assessing the needs of the town. Furthermore, the board did not do their due diligence on the eligibility requirements of an Incentive Housing Zone Development which are clearly stated in The General Statutes of Connecticut.

The title and subject of Chapter 124b of The General Statutes is Incentive Housing Zones. Under Definitions, an "Eligible location" is defined as "(A) An area near a transit station, including rapid transit, commuter rail, bus terminal, or ferry terminal; (B) an area of concentrated development such as a commercial center, existing residential or commercial district or village district established pursuant to

section 8-2j; or (C) an area that, because of existing, planned or proposed infrastructure, transportation access or underutilized facilities or location, is suitable for development as an incentive housing zone." Section 8-2j referred to in (B) is a "Village District specifically identified in the plan of conservation and development."

The 66-acre parcel on River Road is part of the Housatonic River wildlife corridor and the Mohawk Trail runs through it. It is not near a transit station, it is not in an area of concentrated development, it is not in the Village district, and it is not in an area where further development is planned or desired in the future. It in no way meets the eligibility requirements for a densely zoned Incentive Housing Zone Development. It meets the State of Connecticut's criteria for conservation not for development.

This \$15,000 Affordable Housing Grant from the Department of Housing is a precious opportunity for Falls Village to rethink its plans for affordable housing and to create a plan for using state funds to put affordable housing in the front yard of Falls Village and simultaneously give our downtown a much needed economic boost. Falls Village just lost its downtown coffee shop so, at present, you can't buy a cup of coffee or a quart of milk in downtown Falls Village.

People need housing and Falls Village needs a vibrant downtown. And we have thoughtful, creative people in Falls Village excited about using this grant to create win/win solutions.

Laura Werntz

Falls Village

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — September 1920

SALISBURY — Miss Clara Stone goes today to Hartford to take an excellent position with the Phoenix Insurance Co.

LAKEVILLE — Father Donohue, Harry Judd, Edw. Stuart and Michael Larney are painting the roof of St. Joseph's Convent.

ORE HILL — Alex Leviski moved his family into one of the Company's houses on Belgo Monday.

LAKEVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Lester Neill expect to move to New York City soon. Mr. Neill in company with Willis Rosseter has been conducting the Lakeville Garage on Church Street and lack of ability to find a rent is responsible for Mr. Neill's leaving town. He is an auto mechanic of ability and his customers greatly regret to see him and his estimable wife leave town, but all wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home.

50 years ago — September 1970

SHARON — John M. Hager of Main Street, Sharon, received serious facial injuries as the result of an automobile accident in Sharon last Sunday night. He has been a resident of Sharon for many years, and is the owner and editor-publisher of the Millerton News. The accident occurred at about 9 p.m. when he was attempting to negotiate a sharp curve on Route 341 in Sharon. His car left the road and struck a steep embankment. The car was totally destroyed in the crash.

FALLS VILLAGE — Falls Village Savings Bank, founded in 1854, will be consolidated with The Torrington Savings Bank, originally chartered as the Wolcottville Savings Bank in 1868, if state and federal authorities approve. The final agreement was reached at meetings Monday morning and jointly announced by the two bank presidents, Malcolm Canfield of Falls Village and John H. Brooks of Torrington as spokesmen for their trustees.

LAKEVILLE — Lennie Marino of Wolcott, who drives the United Parcel delivery truck in this area, reported Friday that he had driven around in the company of an eight-foot boa constrictor. Mr. Marino said the snake stayed quietly within the confines of his wooden crate until he was delivered to Ted Davis, science instructor at the Hotchkiss School, and caused no difficulties. Nevertheless, he was glad to hand the wriggly serpent over into Mr. Davis' care.

LIME ROCK — A diminutive hummingbird made a crash landing last Friday on the terrace of Dr. and Mrs. Armand Oppenheimer in Lime Rock and couldn't have chosen a more appropriate place. As president of the Housatonic Audubon Society, Dr. Oppenheimer has a special feeling for all forms of wildlife and has access to expert information on birds. The bird seems to have an injured wing, according to Dr. Oppenheimer, probably caused by flying against a window pane, but apparently is in good health otherwise, and, so far, faring well at human hands. He seems to have taken quite a fancy to his mentor, and willingly perches on Dr. Oppenheimer's finger without any show of fear. His diet consists of Log Cabin syrup and nectar from fresh flowers.

25 years ago — September 1995

SALISBURY — The scenic Rand's View property near Prospect Mountain has been purchased by the U.S. Department of the Interior to complement its Appalachian Trail holdings. Federal authorities invoked eminent domain to acquire the land which is part of the Hamlet Hill Farm on Prospect Mountain Road.

LAKEVILLE — After a long period of drought rain finally fell in the area Wednesday morning. At press time 1/10th of an inch had fallen. "We need at least .25 of an inch to get us out of the extreme drought classification," Ralph Scarpino, state fire supervisor, told The Lakeville Journal late Wednesday morning. The rain came during a burst of mild temperatures right on the heels of the area's first frost Monday morning.

FALLS VILLAGE — It was a real crowd pleaser, this hoisting of trains from tracks to a permanent stretch of rail near Jacobs Garage. Kids, moms and dads, municipal workers, a restaurant owner, a couple of volunteer firefighters, a retired teacher and quite a few dogs came out to watch Friday as a saffron red caboose and a lovely old green coach settled in Falls Village, permanently. Housatonic Rail Road's yellow and green engine No. 3604 rounded the curve north of town, pulling the caboose, a future visitor's center to be managed by the Economic Development Commission, and the coach, soon to be a railway museum under the auspices of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society. The coach and caboose were lifted with a hydraulic crane, by workers from Ajax Construction of Rhode Island, onto the base built by Denny Jacobs and Bill Beebe, who used fill and gravel and 20 feet of track for the spot.

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Facing COVID-19 and the election in Connecticut

I've been lucky enough to feel the peace of a long COVID-19 summer spent mostly in the safety of my own home and garden. But this peace is increasingly threatened by my agitation about the upcoming election. Can I trust that problems with voting and misinformation about the candidates conveyed by Russians as well as Americans, including President Trump, will not distort the outcome?

Watching Trump and his administration suggest that the pandemic is "in the rearview mirror," and governors in some states refuse to institute masks and social distancing, I have been grateful to live in Connecticut, where my local shops remind me to mask before entering, and no one mocks me when I try to find my safe distance. Though we were among the first states to experience the virus, as of Sept. 3, Connecticut had just over 53,000 cases of COVID-19. As impressive, when deaths from the virus nationally are approaching 200,000, Connecticut has suffered only 4,468 deaths (<https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>).

Each and every one of Connecticut's 4,468 deaths is obviously a personal tragedy for the lost life of that individual, as well as for his

or her loved ones. Nevertheless, we can thank Gov. Lamont's state-wide policies for living in one of the 22 states with the lowest rates of infection. We are now down to 1-9 new cases per 100,000 daily, which still allows for "potential community spread." (Twenty-five states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have "escalating community spread," and Alabama, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa all have "unchecked community spread.")

Just as the pandemic has exposed vast racial differences in susceptibility to the virus, it has also made clear that not everyone, even within Connecticut, has the same access to high-quality medical care, or to modern, well-ventilated public schools with sufficient space and enough teachers to educate every child in a socially distanced manner. Although children were once believed to be immune to COVID-19, there have been 500,000 cases among children in the United States, and around 2,500 in Connecticut. In addition, around

ON REFLECTION

CAROL ASCHER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Horn or Ohler? A personal perspective

As a North Canaan resident I am probably expected to vote for the home town hero, however, I'm in a unique position regarding the election in the 64th District race in Connecticut.

I have the advantage of knowing and having worked with both candidates.

I personally believe elections should be about who is the best qualified for the job, not how popular or how many photo-ops one can get.

Each brings some unique experiences to the position, yet Maria Horn's background far exceeds that of her opponent.

I like her opponent. He attended school with my daughter, I grew up with his aunts and uncles, and knew his grandparents well.

But in today's world, Maria's legal background, tenure and support of local nonprofits, her motherhood and parenting gives her a greater sense of all the needs facing our communities.

I have heard her critics, many I know personally, whom, I would bet, never took the time to talk or meet with her. If so, they might just have a different opinion.

She is engaging, smart, approachable, serious and hard working. She has served the public long before running for elective office, proving there are a myriad of ways to serve, all noble indeed.

As I have said, I like her opponent, I applaud his service to our community, but I believe, knowing both, that Maria Horn is the more qualified and credentialed candidate for today's needs and during these difficult and unprecedented times.

Susan Clayton

North Canaan

Be aware of who runs this online resource

Many local residents are members of the Northwest Corner Chatter group on Facebook, and may have noticed all the recent posts supporting Brian Ohler for the 64th District seat in the state house. Yesterday my wife and I each posted a response to an endorsement of Brian in which we asked Brian to describe his positions, particularly on his independence and his view on Trump's hobbling of the U.S. post office. In response to posting our politely worded questions, our posts were deleted and we were both immediately removed from the Northwest Corner Chatter Facebook group.

So, please don't think that Northwest Corner Chatter is a community site for exchanging information and open discussion about our region. It is essentially the Brian Ohler For State Assembly Facebook page. Only posts favorable to Brian are permitted. Either the candidate who hopes to represent us as constituents won't state his views when we ask him, or the moderator won't let us pose legitimate questions to Brian and prefers to ban us.

Warren Whitaker

Falls Village

Why I'll vote for Horn for state representative

In 1982 after two years working for Ben DiLieto, New Haven's Mayor, he took a chance and appointed me as his legislative liaison — the only woman in an all-male cabinet. One male cabinet member told me he did not want me in the position; as a woman I could never do the job. I would fail. I would fail the city and the mayor. Two years later, as he was leaving, he told me that he had been wrong. I did not fail. Time and again, I had won difficult battles.

Working for a congresswoman and the president of a Connecticut Public College (a woman), I witnessed the adversities women face having their voices heard and to be at the table. As a woman you are pegged as either too tough or not tough enough. Too smart and so a threat to others — sometimes even other women. Too compassionate and caring or not compassionate enough. Times have only slightly changed. It continues to remain an uphill challenge for women.

As a legislative liaison at the State Capitol, I saw the enormous pressures that elected women face. They were highly intelligent women — women of compassion — women who advocated for changes. Honest women. Women who reached across the aisle. Women who knew how to compromise and the importance of doing so. State Rep. Maria Horn is that woman. All women — no matter what side of the politics you are on, should be proud to support her. Maria understands the juggling acts and the struggles that women and families face day in and day out. Women and men should want to be a part of breaking the glass ceiling and never again have a man tell your daughter, your granddaughter, or your sister that she cannot do the job.

Maria Horn does not vote to please the Democratic leadership. She votes for what is right for her 64th District. She fully explains her votes on tough issues and is not afraid to tackle the complex topics. She tells the truth. I may not agree with her on everything, but I listen, as she listens to my opinions.

I am voting for Maria not because she is a Democrat. I am voting for Maria because she is an intelligent, honest, and caring person. If you are unsure or do not know her, call her. Talk with her. Do not sit back. Do it now. Do it for yourself. Do it for your daughters, your granddaughters, your sisters.

Do it for those women who fought to help pave the way for the rest of us. Do it for your sons, your grandsons, and your brothers. Show them that women are important and should be at the table and treated with respect. Your vote for Maria will help to continue to break the glass ceiling. You will not be disappointed.

Marlene Woodman

Sharon

All politics is local, so vote accordingly

That phrase, "All politics is local," is as relevant today as it was in 1932 when it was coined by Associated Press Washington bureau chief Byron Price. The late House Speaker Tip O'Neill used it to devastating effect on his congressional opponent in 1982 and he made it part of our political lexicon. But in our super polarized national debate we seem to have forgotten that the issues closest to home are the ones that affect us most directly.

The men and women who give of their time and energy to run for local, state or federal congressional offices are our neighbors and friends. One local political party issued a letter accusing their opponents of "incompetence," "division," "lies," "hate" and "selfishness." What do you say after that when you run into them the next day in LaBonne's or Stop and Shop? We may disagree on political issues, but we do ourselves a disservice by not at least listening to opposing views.

Brian Ohler lost his position as our 64th District state representative in the anti-Trump sweep two years ago. Our current representative has done a good job of voting on issues she believes are in her constituents' best interests. She may be right on all counts, but shouldn't we decide for ourselves and not blindly mark our ballots based on national political hysteria?

Perhaps we needed the \$2 billion dollars in new taxes called for in the 2019 budget state Democrats approved, but shouldn't we have someone in Hartford to at least raise a question? To close last year's \$934 million deficit, the Legislature increased business taxes, eliminated sales tax exemptions, imposed a surcharge on certain restaurant and real estate transactions and canceled tax breaks for hospitals, certain middle-class households and student loan debt. Brian would have at least questioned the need for new taxes when the Legislature approved a \$353 million pay raise for state workers in the pandemic recession.

Forbes magazine ranks Connecticut 45th in overall business climate and 48th in long-term growth prospects. Perhaps we should drive more business out of the state. Perhaps we need a state property tax on top of our local property taxes. And perhaps we should encourage more wealthy Connecticut taxpayers to change their principal residence to Florida. But wouldn't we better served by sending Brian Ohler back to Hartford to oppose such disastrous policies?

We at least owe it to ourselves to think about these local issues that affect us so directly.

Bill Littauer

Lakeville

Now is the time to consider alternative ideas

Since 1981, the United Nations designated an International Day of Peace, commonly called by many World Peace Day, to have a ceasefire of war and violence to allow for humanitarian aid and promote peace through education.

As of 2001, the World Peace Day date, which had aligned with the opening day of the UN General Assembly, was none other than Sept. 11. However, a plan had been made for it to be held on Sept. 21 annually as of 2002.

According to the LawyersCommittee for 9/11 at LCfor911.org regarding the destruction of the World Trade Centers on 9/11/01 based on physical evidence, there is a great deal the U.S. and world should want to learn not only about that strangest of all days, possibly when everyone but whoever was behind the killing and demolition of the three buildings of the WTC was shocked and convinced everything said on the news and by President Bush was true and justified attacking Iraq.

Key ideas to consider include that cell phone coverage was not sustainable in 2001, that a couple thousand Architects and Engineers (AE911.com) agree all three buildings did not come down due to planes but rather due to thermonuclear bombs from the basement on two and a controlled demolition of WTC Building 7.

Advocacy is needed now to understand the truth behind the COVID-19 and other serious risk factors possibly linked to biowarfare viruses. Francis Boyle calls for dismantling programs that allow for such labs and has warned over 500 media outlets about the dangers that could continue to emerge along the biowarfare lab activity.

Yet the media covers things up rather than covers the critical information, since they are owned by a handful of corporations, literally six entities.

I happened to watch part of the Titanic on television recently with themes that are playing out on a wider scale these days in 2020.

Many aspects of our modern world are run by those in power and control who feel immune to the effects of the devastation caused. Perhaps that is because they have "life boats and unsinkable strategies." Such concerns haunt an otherwise capable majority of humanity who truly want to live peacefully.

Let's have transparency about who's driving our earth ship on all levels (from viruses to 5G, nuclear warheads and crimes against humanity). As Pete Seeger's chorus resounds in our hearts, "When will we ever learn? When will we ever learn?" Now is the time!

More ideas shared on Livfully.org. Many thanks and let's vote for our collective wisdom and survival in all elections and with daily action steps.

Catherine Palmer Paton

Falls Village

a dozen Connecticut children have been diagnosed with Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome. It is also important to remember that children are taught by teachers, among whom a substantial minority have pre-existing conditions, and so will be susceptible to severe cases of the coronavirus.

Connecticut's plans for the school year seem sensible, though not easy to achieve. Arguing that "in-person schooling" is best for students, Lamont has instructed districts to be sensitive to "opportunity gaps" that may have increased during the pandemic, and to "address inclusion, equity, and access for all learners" — a challenge that was rarely met even before the pandemic.

I've begun going outside my home more often, shopping for groceries more frequently and with greater ease than I did when each trip seemed a risky high-wire walk. Sharing a meal in an outdoor restaurant has become one of summer's pleasures, too soon to be ended. Will my friends be willing to sit in my living room when Connecticut's winter brings ice and snow?

Although I voted by mail in the primary, and will likely ask for an absentee ballot for the November election, Trump's alarming election threats and warnings have made me feel the urgency to do more than cast my vote. So I've begun responding to calls for election-related volunteers, from group letter-writing to poll-watching. These tasks will take me out of my COVID-19 isolation. But I feel a growing confidence that I can manage myself in public spaces. And the election seems sufficiently important to assume the risks.

Carol Ascher, who lives in Sharon, has published seven books of fiction and nonfiction, as well as many essays and stories. She is trained as a spiritual director.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Affordable housing discussion continues

Mr. Colter Rule continued in a new letter in the Sept. 3 Lakeville Journal with an assertion that Habitat was approached by a conservation group to place the property in conservation and "garner a far better price for their property." Furthermore, that the "Door loudly slammed shut." Neither statement is correct.

In fact, Habitat had an email exchange with the director of the conservation group. As stated in the previous letter, once the management of the conservation group was made aware that a bona-fide option did exist for the FVHT to purchase the property, "the conservation group thought it best to invest their efforts elsewhere."

Mr. Rule and others involved with him continue to spread misinformation in what is in my opinion and that of Habitat an attempt to denigrate established organizations in a quest to get what they want — no affordable housing anywhere near their properties. Every argument being made against this project is a smoke screen for this underlying motivation, we believe.

Affordable housing is a need in our area. Just speak with the Economic Development Committees in any of the local communities. When Mr. Rule goes on to say, "Mr. Whelan: You don't LIVE HERE", he fails to realize that we ALL live here in the Northwest Corner. There are six towns that make up the Region One School District, and there is a total population of around 17,000 people. Each and every one of those communities shares a similar destiny — encourage growth or become irrelevant (and more expensive).

For more information on the project, please see the FVHT website — www.fallsvillagehousingtrust.org/river-road-homes. These volunteer members of the local community are transparent in all aspects of this development, and this website is your best source of up to date information.

Bob Whelan

Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut

Salisbury

Adult day care is a vital service for the region

I am saddened but not surprised to learn that the Geer Adult Day Center has been closed permanently. The Center was never a profitable program but it provided a valuable service to the community. The COVID-19 pandemic just provided a convenient excuse to not make Geer look like the bad guy.

Unfortunately that is not the case when they let the center's director go. She was a dedicated employee who worked for Geer for 39 years.

The center was a medical/social program that allowed frail residents, living at home, the opportunity to be with others in a supervised setting for part of their day. It also gave their caregivers a chance to work, rest, or take care of the other responsibilities they had. It enabled the caregiver to keep their family member living at home.


The center offered many services to the participants including transportation, snacks and a hot meal, personal care and medical supervision as well as recreation.

I hope one of the other nursing facilities in the area will step forward and offer this service. I know a very qualified individual who would make the perfect director.

As the original director of the Center, which was then named The GATE-way Adult Day Center, I know what a valuable and rewarding service it was.


Patricia Glennon

Tallahassee, Fla.



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With the real estate market continuing to be active, we are seeing more multiple offer situations. Many questions arise around this issue. The bottom line is that the seller is in full control of how this will be handled. The seller does not have to accept any of the offers or even reply. For a buyer, the more their offer is detailed, the better. For example, having the pre approval letter from a bank or verification of funds if it is a cash offer included, all of the owner disclosures signed, perhaps a higher amount of initial deposit, anything to show the owners that this is the strongest offer. The National Associations of Realtors have a guide for multiple offers and I would be happy to email you a copy upon request.



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voters should be aware that the absentee ballots themselves cannot be distributed prior to Oct. 2, by Connecticut law. The small amount of time between Oct. 2 and Nov. 3 makes it imperative that voters return their applications and their ballots as soon as possible. Returning the applications and the ballots early will make it easier for the town clerks to do the work that is necessary to process all of the applications and the ballots.

“Connecticut law only allows the counting of ballots that have arrived by the close of polls, 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3, so returning ballots early and not relying on the post office are the best way for voters to ensure that their votes are counted and their voices heard.”

Merrill’s office also sent a statement out to media on Saturday, Sept. 12, saying, “The Trump administration’s attorney general is deliberately trying to discourage voters from exercising their fundamental, democratic right to vote by eroding voters’ faith in elections. His statement is simply false. Connecticut voters who choose to vote by absentee ballot will have their privacy protected and every valid vote cast will be a vote counted, whether Mr. Barr likes it or not. Every Connecticut voter can choose to safely, securely, and privately vote by absentee ballot if they choose to do so because no voter should ever have to choose between their health and their right to vote.”



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The exterior scaffolding at the Scoville Library allows workers to make repairs that will protect the historic library’s interior.

In and out, upgrades at Scoville Memorial Library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — What’s with the scaffolding at the Scoville Memorial Library?

Work on the exterior, explained library trustee Helen Klein Ross.

In an email to The Lakeville Journal, she wrote that, “After the town-funded \$1.7 million renovation was completed in 2016, we were alarmed as leaks, cracks and other intrusions began to threaten interior finishes.”

The library is a landmark building on the Historic Register, so it qualified for a matching grant from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to conduct an assessment of the condition of the exterior.

“We interviewed architects specializing in historic preservation and hired Evelyn Cole Smith out of Hamden,” Klein wrote. “She and her team came last fall, inspected the building from basement to bell tower and prepared a report that included not only current conditions but changes made over time and information on original building materials.”

“To do the work, the project was bid out to three contractors/preservation specialists and awarded to the low-bidder, a multi-generation firm in New Haven, G. L. Capasso. Underwriting these costs are generous grants from the Bates Foundation and an anonymous donor.

“Repairs include roof work, such as repointing and refashioning and replacing chimney caps as water is coming in through deteriorating brick work, which forces water vapor through walls, damaging plaster finishes.”

The library is open by appointment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Absentee ballots

One of the three grants offers absentee ballot support for town clerks “to process, mail out, and count a record-breaking number of absentee ballots,” according to the news release from the secretary of the state’s office.

“2020 is the first election in Connecticut history where every voter is able to vote by absentee ballot if they choose to do so. The grant assumes that 80% of registered voters will choose to vote in 2020, and that 66% of those voters will choose to vote by absentee ballot, and grants towns \$1 for each voter through the 10,000th projected voter and \$2 for each additional voter more than 10,000. Should more voters cast absentee ballots than projected, towns will receive additional grant money in the same amounts.

“The Absentee Ballot Sup-

port Grant projects more than 1.1 million votes cast by absentee ballots, for a total grant amount of \$1,446,693. This is in addition to the \$2 million dollars spent on printing and postage for the absentee ballot applications and ballots in the primary, the \$2.1 million on printing and postage for the absentee ballot applications for the general, the \$500,000 for Secure Ballot Drop Boxes, and the \$1.1 million on postage for the absentee ballot packages and completed ballots for the general.

The Safe Polls Grant will pay for PPEs for “each of Connecticut’s 750 polling places in the primary and the general, and deep cleaning services.”

The Election Day Registration Access Grant is to be the 20 largest towns in the state and helps cover the cost of “a potential surge in new voters regis-

tering to vote on Election Day,” according to the news release.

“The Election Day Registration Access Grant recognizes that towns with highly mobile populations and towns that host large universities have greater need for resources devoted to registering voters on Election Day.”

Towns were also offered “\$200,000 in 50/50 matching grants to replace outdated equipment, \$350,000 in Cybersecurity Risk Assessments by the Connecticut National Guard and the Secure Polls Grant of \$220,000 conditioned on completing cybersecurity training and risk assessments by the Connecticut National Guard,” according to the news release.

Grants were expected to be sent to towns before Sept. 11.

GOP

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Miner criticized the extension of Gov. Ned Lamont’s emergency powers into February 2021 and the pace of reopening the state.

“When do we get back to normal?” he asked. “What are the benchmarks?”

Ohler, who was elected as the state representative from the 64th District in 2016 and lost a close election to Horn in 2018, said when he lost he didn’t “put in the corner.”

“I went right back out there to do what I do.”

Ohler criticized Horn on the latter’s record on constituent service, specifically her ability to get answers from Eversource during the recent power outage caused by Tropical Storm Isaias.

David X. Sullivan, who is challenging first-term Congresswoman Jahana Hayes (D) in the 5th District, said, referring to the state’s all-Democratic congressional delegation of five House members and two U.S. senators: “Five plus two equals one voice.”

Sullivan said the election “is about saving the Republic.”

“I want my kids to have a future in this country. That’s not going to happen with socialism.”

Several other state legislators within the district also spoke.

Morris wrapped it up with a call to action.

“We need all hands on deck,” he said, to write letters to newspapers, to display yard signs, make telephone calls, and talk to friends and neighbors.

Morris said not only is Connecticut experiencing one-party rule with a Democratic legislature and governor, it is experiencing one-person rule (referring to the governor’s emergency powers).

“What can we do about it?” he asked rhetorically. “Vote Republican across the board.”

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SCHOOLS

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visited regularly to supervise teachers. Prior to that, she had spent time in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) on her uncle’s farm, Kildonan; both her uncle and his daughters had what she later realized was dyslexia.”

Gillingham was a creator of the Orton-Gillingham method for helping dyslexic students with reading and writing.

King’s first educational program was Camp Dunnabeck, which she opened in 1955 in Pennsylvania. She was the camp’s director for 35 summers.

“In 1969, with the help of Kurt Goldman, she established The Kildonan School, first in Bucks County, Pa., then in Amenia.”

After King’s death in 2018, Kildonan community members struggled to find ways to keep the school financially afloat, but eventually closed it in 2019.

The link between Kildonan and Marvelwood is a natural one. Marvelwood was founded as a high school for boys in 1956, and was originally located in the center of Cornwall Village.

The campus moved to the top of Skiff Mountain in Kent in 1995, settling into what had been

the girls campus for the nearby Kent School.

Marvelwood is now a co-ed boarding school with a high percentage of foreign students, many of whom are learning English as a second language.

According to the press release sent out Monday morning, “The Marvelwood School’s Learning Support program has long served students with language-based learning differences.

“In recent years, the school has seen an increasing number of students with diagnoses of dyslexia and other language-based learning challenges.”

The new partnership with Kildonan helps Marvelwood better serve those students. And it brings back to life the beloved Amenia school, which served students in grades two to 12.

In 2019, Marvelwood hosted

the annual Camp Dunnabeck and Kildonan Teacher Training Institute (KTTI) on the Kent campus. That went well, and a decision was made to incorporate the Kildonan Teacher Training Institute into Marvelwood’s Learning Support center.

In the press release, Kathleen Stewart, the head of KTTI, said, “Kildonan has been seeking a partner since we closed our campus.

“Marvelwood has a proven history of helping the kinds of students who have enrolled at Kildonan over the years find academic success and confidence. Our families have been looking for a place to land, and I’m confident that Marvelwood is that place.”

To learn more, go to www.marvelwood.org/learningsupport.

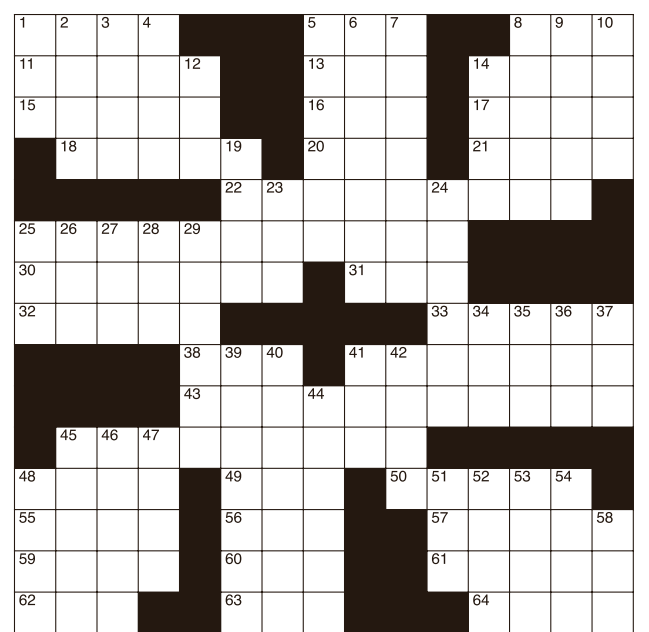
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14. Israeli diplomat
15. Outfit
16. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
17. Deceptive movement
18. Anxious
20. Popular Letterman guest
21. Saints’ signal caller
22. Intoxicate
25. Relationship
30. Ask for one’s hand in marriage
31. Popular Will Ferrell film
32. Gargle
33. Warning sensation before migraine
38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
41. Erases
43. At ease
45. Small branch of an artery
48. Mother of Hermes
49. Body part
50. Cavalry sword
55. Wellness chants
56. Helps little firms
57. Afflicted
59. Peep
60. Nellie __, journalist
61. Spiritual leader
62. Doctor of Education
63. Affirmative
64. Check

CLUES DOWN

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2. Away from wind
3. Round water pot
4. Drink quickly
5. A simple type of jet engine
6. Something for nothing
7. Painkiller
8. Siskel’s pal
9. Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
10. Again
12. Imitate
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19. Jacob __, American journalist
23. No (Scottish)
24. Newborn
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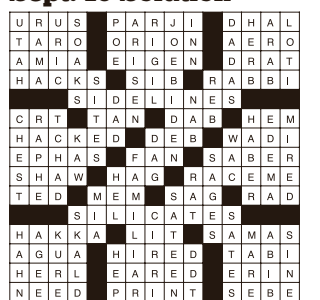


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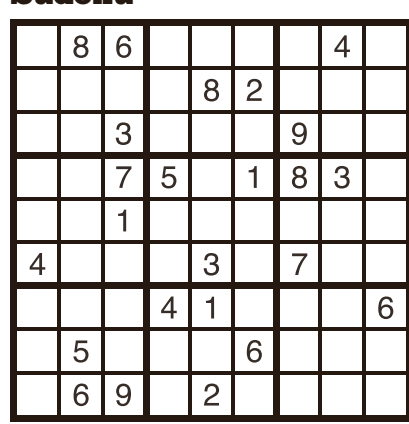
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58. Criticize

Look for the solution in next week’s issue.

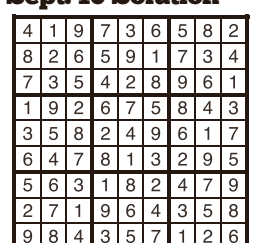
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HEIRLOOM FRUIT: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Day Trips To Find Antique Fruit

There are excellent orchards nearby where you can pick fruit for yourself or buy it pre-picked. Windy Hill Farm in Great Barrington, Mass., has five varieties of apple on offer now and will make other varieties available (including some heirlooms) as they hit their peak. Find out what they've got at www.windyhillfarminc.com.

Ellsworth Hill Orchard in Sharon, Conn., has 10 varieties of apples, and ancillaries such as cider and doughnuts, www.ellsworthfarm.com.

But this autumn, when so many other travel opportunities are curtailed, I'm thinking about making a day trip to someplace, maybe an hour away, to pick apples (with masks on).

About one hour from my home in Lakeville, Conn., is the excellent Love Apple Farm in Ghent, N.Y., a town famous for its cherries in spring and apples in autumn. Love Apple Farm supplies outstanding fruit throughout the year to many of our area farm stands. At the moment they have four types of apples but in all they have 19 varieties that will ripen in the



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

If you're aching for adventure after a long quarantine, take a day trip to Red Hook, N.Y., and get antique apples at the Montgomery Place Orchards farm stand.

coming weeks, www.loveapplefarm.com.

When you hear the names of some of their varieties you might think, "Gee, how ordinary." But once you've tasted a golden delicious or a red delicious from a local orchard you'll understand why everyone went crazy for

these apples in their early days (so much so that they were overbred and perhaps ruined).

When I want to go hunting for apples I go to Red Hook, N.Y., which is 40 minutes away and also has good restaurants and cute shops. If you want to pick your

own in Red Hook, you can try Greig Farm (www.greigfarm.com), which has 11 types of apples that will ripen between now and October.

Up the road a short ways is Hardeman Orchards (www.hardemanorchards.com), which has pick-your-own as well as pre-picked fruit plus doughnuts and hay rides. The website doesn't have a full list of the available apples, and in fact doesn't look like it's been updated but I drove by it yesterday and it's definitely open.

And yes, you read correctly that I drove by it, because my favorite apple source is just a few minutes up the road: Montgomery Place Orchards farm stand is at the T intersection of Routes 9G and 199 in Red Hook.

This is an exquisite little stand with a fascinating history. Montgomery Place is one of the historic Hudson River estates, and was, unusually, run by a woman, Janet Livingston Montgomery. A full history of the property, including the extensive and exquisite orchards, can be found on the Bard College website at www.bard.edu/montgomeryplace; the college recently purchased the property as well as the farm stand, which is more or less walking-distance away from the campus.

History is obviously an important part of Montgomery Place, so it's appropriate that this is a farm that has an unusually high percentage of heirloom varieties. Heirloom or antique apples (like their cousins, the antique or heir-

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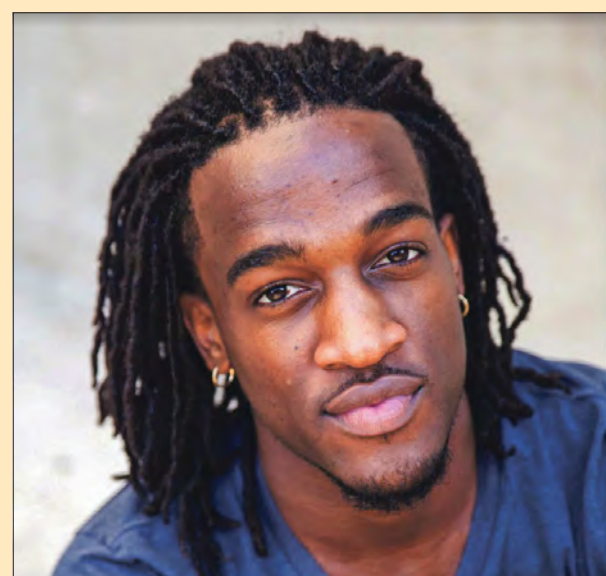


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Marcus John will read from "Black Reconstruction in America" by W.E.B. Du Bois this weekend as part of a multi-week online celebration of the author's work.

READINGS THAT HELP EXPLAIN WHY BLACK LIVES MATTER

This weekend and every weekend until Election Day (Nov. 3), the online ReadIn of "Black Reconstruction in America" by W.E.B. Du Bois continues.

The readings commenced on Aug. 28, the anniversary of the March on Washington, D.C., in 1963; that was also the year that William Edward Burghardt Du Bois died (he was born in 1868 in Great Barrington, Mass.). Du Bois was a co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), in 1909, and continued to fight for equality even after he left the organization.

The Upper Housatonic National Heritage Area continues to honor the memory of his life and work with, among other efforts, a walking tour of key sites from his lifetime in the region (www.duboishs.org/great-barrington-walking-tour; the Heritage Area also offers the African American Heritage Trail that includes 29 towns

in Massachusetts and Connecticut, www.africanamericantrail.org).

"Black Reconstruction in America: An Essay Toward a History of the Part Which Black Folk Played in the Attempt to Reconstruct Democracy in America, 1860-1880" was published in 1935. It is Du Bois' history of the role that Black Americans played in Reconstruction, following the Civil War.

Each weekend on the ReadIn, a section of the book is read aloud by performers from stage and screen. The readings are posted by Housatonic Heritage on YouTube.

"It is our intention that this action will help a wide audience to understand why Black Lives Matter is the central issue of American history and culture," according to the Housatonic Heritage press release.

The readings, followed by commentary by scholars, can be found at www.thereadinseries.com, where you can also find the biographies of the 30 performers.

This Friday, Sept. 18, chapter six of the book will be read by Marlies Yearby (the award-winning choreographer of "RENT") and Marcus John (who has performed in "RENT" and "Hamilton.")

— Cynthia Hochswender



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loom tomatoes) are quirky breeds — often with funny names that are charming and romantic.

These are not like the grocery store apples that so often disappoint us. They are tender and delicious and sweet; they never made it into the Apple Big Leagues because they don't travel well and often don't have a long shelf life.

Many were originally found in distant places; someone loved them enough to carry a twig from their favorite tree to the New World and graft it so they could eat a favorite apple in their new but distant homeland.

Some of the antique apples at Montgomery Place have names like Pitmaston Pineapple (from Pitmaston in England); Cox Orange Pippin (created by Richard Cox in England in the 1800s using Ribston Pippin seeds) or its cousin, the Newtown Pippin, which was a favorite

of Benjamin Franklin and is considered the oldest commercially grown native variety in America.

Some apple names hint at subtle deliciousness: Hidden Rose, Pink Pearl, Ashmead's Kernel.

And of course Montgomery Place grows the Hudson River Valley's own famous variety: the Esopus Spitzenberg, first developed in the town of Esopus in Ulster County, N.Y. This apple is a special treat, according to the Montgomery Place website, which warns that, "One problem is that it is a shy bearer and bears fruit only every other year."

The sign at the farm stand promises that, yes, 2020 is an Esopus Spitzenberg year, and bushels should be available by Oct. 10. The full list of newer and older apples is listed on the sign at the farm stand, and you can call the stand to ask what's in (845-758-6338). The season is just

now beginning; there is still plenty of time to experience the full glory of the orchard.

And on your way back to the Tri-state area, if you no longer have flowers in your own garden to clip and bring inside, stop by the big white Battenfeld anemone farm (you'll see the sign, you can't miss it) and stop in to buy a bundle, wrapped with rubber bands and reasonably priced and sold on the honor system.

Stacks of old New York Times pages are on a nearby table so you can wrap your flowers; it's a good idea to have a container with some water in your car to help the blossoms survive your drive home.

THE SECRETS TO BOOK SERIES' SUCCESS

Anyone who writes, dreams of writing a best-selling series of books. That's what Amenia, N.Y., resident Maxine Paetro has accomplished with her thrillers and mysteries in the Women's Murder Club series.

Paetro is a former advertising executive who began working with publishing phenom James Patterson in 2005 and has since written numerous number one best-sellers.

She will discuss her books and her writing as part of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., Virtual Book Signing 2.0 series on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. The talk will be moderated by Holly Nelson,

a co-founder and bookseller at Oblong Books and Music in Millerton, N.Y.

Many of Paetro's and Patterson's books are available to borrow from the library.

Paetro is also well-known in the Tri-state region for her garden at Broccoli Hall, which is often featured on area garden tours; and for the koi fish that she raises on her property.

Attendance at the Book

Signing 2.0 events is free; register with EventBrite at www.hotchkisslibrary.eventbrite.com; there is also a click-through on the library website at www.hotchkisslibrary.org.

The virtual Book Signing 2.0 series takes the place of the annual summer book signing event on the lawn outside the library. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

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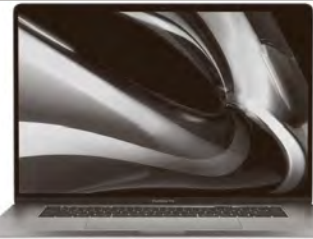
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